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Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 and §1.115

This is responsive to the Office Action dated September 13, 2002, from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration of their application in view of the discussion that follows. The status of the claims as of this response is as follows: Claims 1-22 are pending in the above-mentioned patent application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-6 were rejected under paragraph (b) of the above code section as being anticipated by Rosenfeld (U.S. Patent No. 4,990,458). Rosenfeld discloses a process for forming derivatives of organic compounds as a step during their analysis.